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Father Darkleaf

CALVIN ROBINSON

As writing time arrived Monday morning, it was a wet and dismal day. But the calendar said the seventh day of the eleventh month and many look upon 7 and 11 as lucky numbers. Has been raining since away back when. We are lucky because Appomattox is not flooded and the rain is soaking in to raise the underground water level. Alas, in some areas there are reports of broken dams, surging streams and loss of life and property. My garden spot is so wet I may ask the Game and Fish Commission to see about stocking a few bass. I had put off planting the 50 or more flower bulbs had collected, and now they may need water wings. How's your basement?

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I thought it an appropriate time, so last night I read the Book of Jonah. I had come across the handwritten manuscript of a sermon my late Dad had written Nov. 14, 1937. I have a large wooden box of his sermons. This one was called "Traveling Toward Nineveh or Tarshish?" The story of Jonah is well known and you can read the short book in 15 minutes. Then go back and read it again. If you have a Dictionary of The Bible" consult that. Jonah was the son of Amittal, of Gathhopper in Zebulum (called Girttah-hepher in Joshua 19:10-13). The lesson . . . better obey God's order.

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Reminds me of a quotation attributed to Daniel Boone. "His advice was never rejected without disaster, nor followed but with advantage."

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Found a clipping in one of my late Mother's Bibles. "If had twenty sheep and one jumped over a fence, how many left? Answer, none, because the other 19 would have followed."

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Thanks to Mr. Frank D. Schampel, of near Hollywood, for bringing me copies of **The Chicago Tribune, Chicago Daily News** and **Cleveland Plain Dealer.** One paper had 18 pages, 10 columns to a page, of classified ads of "help wanted." To only two columns of ads of those seeking employment.

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Football ramble . . . ACHS and Amherst had to wait for the weather man to agree before winding up the local schedule. ACHS gained momentum as the season progressed & should have the basis of a fine squad next year. VMI overcame Univ. of Virginia and is the heralded state champ, but the annual VMI, VPI clash should be a thriller. Same for the traditional meeting of U. of Richmond and William and Mary. Nearer by, Hampden-Sydney has had a great season. The high school where I taught two years, Onancock, over on The Eastern Shore, was a winner this year, but Chincoteague H. S. had a great year, too. Cumberland H. S. has a record loss record. This is written before the Monday night game between the Redskins and Baltimore Colts, but the odds favored the Colts. Next, the bowl games and most schools are readying for basketball.

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Nor let us forget Slippery Rock. Having a good year, the latest being a 28-20 win over Lock Haven.

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This newspaper is growing week by week. A gift subscription would make an ideal Christmas present.

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Came across a poem in an old magazine, lamenting that "when I was seventeen" was told DON'T because you are too young; and when I was forty was told DON'T because you're old enough to know better. At any age keep your poise.

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Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

'30.

F. Alan Torrence, right, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, is shown presenting Emmett L. McCraw, left with retirement certificate.

Retires With 40 Years Service With Highway Department

Emmett L. McCraw, Assistant Resident Engineer, and veteran employee of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, retired on November 2, 1977 after forty years service.

Mr. McCraw was born in Buckingham County, at Andersonville. He attended schools in Buckingham County and was graduated from high school in Washington, D. C. He later completed an engineering course with the International Correspondence School.

Beginning his highway career as an hourly employee for thirty cents an hour in 1937, Mr. McCraw was then promoted to rodman on the Survey Party in the Staunton District for $60.00 per month. In 1938, he was promioted and served in the Suffolk District until 1942 at which time his rating was Transitman. Mr. McCraw then volunteered for service in the United States Navy and was later transferred to the Third Marine Division stationed in the Southwest Pacific. Of his batallion of 1200 men, he was one of the 125 men who returned to the United States.

Returning from military leave in 1945, he continued to work in the Suffolk District on the Survey Party, receiving several promotions.

In 1947, he was promoted to Civil Engineer VI on a Lynchburg Project. From that time on, Mr. McCraw climbed the ladder of promotions to achieve the status of Assistant Resident Engineer on construction on November 16, 1956. On October 1, 1959, he was promoted to Assistant Resident Engineer, the title he has maintained for the past eighteen years in the Appomattox Residency including both Appomattox and Campbell Counties.

Mr. McCraw states, "my forty years with the Highway Department have been most rewarding. I appreciate the dedication and cooperation of co-workers, and I am proud to have been a part of an organization which has steadily progressed."

An avid gardener, Mr. McCraw raises a good garden from early spring until the winter freeze. He is particularly proud of his tomatoes, cucumbers, and melons this year. He also oversees and

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Advisory Committee Held Meeting

The Advisory Committee for Exceptional Children met on Thurs., October 27, in its first meeting of the current session. This committee is appointed by the School Board and represents the school division geographically. It includes representatives from community service organizations, parent organizations, business and industry.

The functions of this committee shall include assisting in developing plans for identifying children who need special services, cooperating and implementing survey procedures, assisting in making long range plans, assisting in the development of priorities and strategies and aiding in dissemination and interpretation to the community of committee recommendations.

Members of the Advisory Committee are Mr. Roland B. Murphy, Mrs. Hezleine Foster, Mrs. Terese Naminek, Mrs. Betty Baldwin, Mr. Murrell Ferguson, Mrs. Ruth Webb, Mr. Marvin House, Jr., Mr. Lloyd Walton and Mrs. Jean A. Hesson. Mrs. Foster serves as committee chairman.

The purpose of the meeting was to make on site visitations to each of the classes in the school division. There are 47 students receiving services for the Educable Mentally Retarded. Teachers of these students are Mrs. Bettye Williams, Miss Pat O'Brien and Miss Laurie Harwood. Two classes for the Trainable Mentally Retarded are taught by Miss Evelyn Heising and Mrs. Gloria Humbles. Seventy-five students receive speech services from Mrs. Peggy Agee, who meets twice weekly with students in all schools. A class for Hearing Impaired students is taught by Miss Margaret Dickerson. Classes for the Learning Disabled are held in three of the county's schools. Brian Higgins is the teacher for the Learning Disabled. The group was able to observe students in learning situations and to talk with the teachers regarding the specialized instructional program for handicapped students.

Members of the committee will be asked to make recommendations to be included in the revised county plan of special education and to approve the plan before it is presented to the School Board. The next meeting of the group will be a work session for the preparation of the plan. Interested citizens are urged to submit recommendations for

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APPOMATTOX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEMBERS, from left, Bruce Cowan, Secretary; Susan Bailey; Pete Nealy; Billy Slagle, President; Carl Miller and Henry Wright.

Chamber Elects Officers For 1978

The Board of Directors of the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce met November 1st and elected William Slagle to a second term as president of the Chamber Board. Mr. Slagle, Public Relations Officer with the Virginia Fibre Corp. and former Appomattox Town Manager, was warmly commended for his diligent and effective work on behalf of the Chamber during 1977. All directors present felt that Bill's enthusiasm and leadership would be vital to lending continuity to the important work of the Chamber. Mike Weiss, manager of our local American Federal Savings & Loan Office, was elected treasurer & Bruce Bowan, superintendent with Armstrong's Appomattox Plant, was elected secretary.

Numerous other business items were discussed including membership work for 1978. Carl Miller, President of White's Auto Store, agreed to serve as Chairman of the membership effort. Geraldine Marshall has accepted the responsibility of serving as Administrative Secretary and will, of course, handle the routine responses to requests for informaiton on Appomattox.

County Students Will Enter Regional Science Fair In March

Students and teachers in the Appomattox County High School and Appomattox Middle School are making plans for their second Annual Science Fairs which will be held on Feb. 6 at the Middle School and on March 10 and 11 at the High School. This will be the first year for county students to enter the regional fair which is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Central Virginia Community College during the latter part of March.

The objectives of science fairs are to encourage scientific experimentation, to encourage the use of scientific aptitude, and to offer public recognition of scientific talent. Students gain experience in communicating ideas to others, learn to identify problems and work on the solution, develop self-confidence and become acquainted with resources and adult scientists in the community, thus better preparing themselves in selecting a career.

Science Fairs are conducted on three levels, local, regional and national. The local fairs provide stimulation of interest in the field of science and encourage development of a wider background in the sciences. Grand prize regional winners are persons who often continue further education in a related field. Being a winner at a regional fair is often a springboard to college scholarship assistance. A broad background of science is necessary for competition at the regional level. Materials prepared for the Regional or International Science Fairs may be later presented to the Virginia Junior Academy of Science, Virginia Science Talent Search, Virginia Science and Humanities Symposium, Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

Students are preparing exhibits in the following classifications: biochemistry, invertebrate zoology, botany, chemistry, earth and space sciences, engineering, physics, human biology and math. All exhibits should be self-explanatory and each exhibitor is expected to assemble his or her exhibit without major outside help, except for transportation. Awards will be presented to winners in all divisions.

Teachers, who are assisting students in the development of projects and are coordinating the fairs are Mrs. Susan Wilkerson, Mrs. Linda Campbell, Mrs. Margaret Deyerle, Mrs. Marbella Johnson, Mrs. Nancy Jones, Mr. John Hudson, Miss Marsha Henry and Miss Vicki Burnette.

Christmas Club Checks Show Increase Over Last Year

Inflation . . . depression . . . recession . . . we read it, hear it discussed, and in many cases we feel the effect of it, however, there will be MORE cash available this year for Christmas for the people in Appomattox County according to the amount in Christmas Club checks reported by local banks that has been mailed out.

American Federal Savings & Loan Association mailed out $15,552.33 that will go directly to Appomattox County depositors as compared to a total of $8,800.00 last year. Farmers National Bank mailed out a total of $141,729.36 in Christmas Club checks as compared with a total of $118,115.75 last year. Fidelity American Bank has mailed a total of $140,220.00 as compared to $94,613.00 mailed last year to depositors in our county.

Add to this a portion of the $133,114.25 mailed to county residents from the First National Bank of Farmville, through the Pamplin Branch, as compared to $96,977.00 for the past year's Christmas Club total and you come up with a large total of cash available for Christmas spending or saving.

All local banks reported totals over and above the amounts in Christmas Clubs last year for residents of Appomattox County.

ACHS Career Council Announces NATIONAL GUIDANCE WEEK

The Career Council at Appomattox County High School has announced that National Career Guidance Week, sponsored by the National Vocational Guidance Association, is November 5 - 12, 1977. Career education at ACHS attempts to help students understand the world of work and build for their places within it. Students must make realistic decisions regarding their own careers through a knowledge of options available. Today there are over 20,000 different ways to make a living. Five years from now there will be an additional 10,000 new careers and one quarter of those available today will have become obsolete. Career education facilitates the student's development as a competent, self-directed person, who not only develops his potential as an individual, but accepts the responsibilities of responsible citizenship as well.

Theme days for the week are: Monday, November 7, Employability Skills; Tuesday, November 8, Work Attitudes; Wednesday, November 9, Labor and Unions; Thursday, November 10, Futurizing Careers; Friday, November 11, Career Placement; Saturday, November 12, Cultural Barriers.

The Career Council, in observance of the week, prepared the ACHS central hall bulletin board, using the national theme "The Workplace and You" and has made announcements relative to the observan

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

The week of November 14-18, 1977, has been declared American Education Week. The faculty at Appomattox County High School has planned several events to celebrate American Education Week at the high school.

On Monday, Nov. 14, 1977, at 7 p.m, parents of students at ACHS and interested citizens are invited to the ACHS Auditorium to meet the teachers and administrators at the high school. A short program has been planned to be followed by classroom visitation.

On Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 15 and 17, 1977, parents and other interested community persons are invited to meet in the ACHS library at 11:45 a.m. for a brief session followed by lunch in the school cafeteria.

Other activities planned for the week are to have spot announcements made over WTTX, a newspaper article on the curriculum at ACHS, and morning announcements made at school informing the student body of the history of Appomattox County High School.

Dalton Carries County

Football Contest Winners????

Winners in the weekly Football Contest sponsored by area businesses are usually announced at this time for winners in last week's contest by the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

Due to weather conditions, two of the scheduled Seminole District football games were postponed and were to be played Wednesday night. In order to get scores on these games it is impossible to name winners at this time.

Winners for this contest and for the contest in this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN will both be announced in the November 17 edition.

CLERKS OFFICE ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

The Clerk's Office was closed Tues., Nov. 8, 1977 for Election Day and will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.

The Clerk will be in her office on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for the convenience of those persons wishing to buy hunting licenses.

State Elects Dalton Governor Mays Retains Commissioner's Post

With 4629 registered voters in the County of Appomattox, a large turnout of voters went to the polls Tuesday to cast votes for candidates of their choice.

Of special interest to voters in Appomattox County was the three-way race for the Office of Commissioner of the Revenue. In this Special Election, Monte W. Mays, present Commissioner of Revenue, was opposed by Betty C. Rhodenizer and Mark S. Catlett.

With all ten precincts in Appomattox County reporting, Monte W. Mays received an unofficial tabulation of 2297 votes, thus retaining his position as Commissioner of the Revenue by an overwhelming majority. In the unofficial count, Betty C. Rhodenizer received a total of 724 votes Tuesday while Mark S. Catlett received a total of 204 votes throughout the county.

On the State level, Appomattox County voters chose John N. Dalton for the office of Governor of the State of Virginia giving him 2109 votes. Alan R. Ogden received 14 votes Tuesday in the county while Henry Howell received 1162 votes in the ten precincts.

In Appomattox County, for the office of Lt. Governor, Charles S. "Chuck" Robb received an unofficial total of 1549 votes; A. J. "Joe" Canada received 1298 votes; and for Attorney General, county citizens cast an unofficial total of 1521 votes for Edward E. Lane while J. Marshall Coleman received 1213 votes throughout the county.

Claude W. Anderson, Member of the House of Delegates, unopposed in his bid for re-election, received a total of 1992 votes from Appomattox County citizens.

Locally, county registered voters cast a total of 1046 YES votes for ConstitutionalAmendment No. 1 as opposed to 932 NO votes cast against this amendment. Amendment No.2 had 926 YES votes as opposed to 966 votes NO; Amendment No. 3 had 1184 YES votes, 764 NO votes; Amendment No. 4 had 949 YES votes, 955 NO votes; and Amendment No. 5 had 971 YES votes while this amendment received 932 NO votes.

Statewide, John N. Dalton carried the state by a large margin and will be the next Governor of Virginia.

Charles S. "Chuck" Robb has been declared winner of the race for Lt. Governor in the State of Virginia and J. Marshall Coleman, in an upset victory, will be the next Attorney General for the State of Virginia.

As we go to press, it is too early for us to have the total of votes cast throughout the State of Virginia for each candidate but the apparent winners are given in above article.

HORACE W. COLEMAN ELECTED RURITAN ZONE GOVERNOR

Ruritans in the Appomattox district held their district convention Saturday at Longwood College. Ruritans from Zone 3, which includes Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland and Prince Edward Counties, elected Horace Coleman as their Zone Governor. Horace is president of the Pamplin Ruritan Club. Others attending the Ruritan convention were Mrs. Horace Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCleany, Jr., and Ryland Womack.

The Pamplin Ruritans were presented a Certificate of Merit in recognition for their outstanding community service work in the field of social concerns. Much of the clubs community service work went into the development of the Pamplin Community Center. Horace Coleman accepted the award on behalf of the Pamplin Ruritan Club.

Banks To Observe Holiday Friday

American Federal Savings & Loan Association, Farmers National Banks, Fidelity American Banks and the First National Bank of Farmville, Pamplin Branch will all be closed Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans' Day.

American Federal S & L, Farmers National Bank and Fidelity American Banks will observe Friday hours on Thursday, Nov. 10th. They will open for business on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for your convenience.

Comprehensive Planning Continues

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the third in a series explaining the elements of the comprehensive planning process for Appomattox County and Town.

The transportation element of the comprehensive plan will begin with a detailed description of the existing transportation system.

Such existing facilities as roadways and rail lines and such existing services as rail, bus, taxi and trucking will be examined. Facilities and services located outside the county also will be studied, as they may affect residents of the Appomattox area.

A survey of scheduled improvements and new facilities and services proposed for the county, town and surrounding areas will comprise another part of the transportation element. The Route 460 by-pass around the Town of Appomattox, the Blue Ridge Air Transportation System Study and other major developments will be examined.

Based on information on the existing transportation system and proposed changes, an analysis will determine if the system is compatible with the goals and objectives of Appomattox citizens. When conflicts exist, proposed strategies will be suggested to bring the system into agreement with goals and objectives.

The housing element of the comprehensive plan will cover a basic inventory of the number, type and condition of the housing units in the Appomattox County and Town area.

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SANTA TO ARRIVE AT SEARS MONDAY

"Santa" will arrive by firetruck at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14, at the Sears Catalog Store in the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center. He will be at the Sears Store on both Monday and Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m.

You're invited to bring your children by and see "Santa" he'll have favors for all the children.

Christmas Open House Week

The Annual Appomattox County Extension Homemakers' Christmas Open House is off to a good start this week. With "Christmas Treasures" as its theme, the Appomattox County Extension Office is a lovely sight to behold as it is packed with lovely holiday gifts ideas.

There is still plenty of time to stop by and enjoy the refreshments, get ideas for Christmas, and receive a copy of the booklet "Christmas in Appomattox."

Open House will continue through Friday, November 11, 1977. The hours for Wednesday, November 9 are 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, November 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and on Friday, November 11 the hours are 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to stop by.

Katie Martin, Reporter, Appomattox County Ext. H'makers